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To:	All Surveyors/Auditors
Applicable to flag:	All Flags
Subject:	Class suspension- Exceptional Circumstances
Reference:	CONARINA Instruction

Exceptional Circumstances

Consideration may be given for an extension of the Special Periodical Survey not exceeding three (3) months, in cases of “exceptional circumstances”, provided the vessel is attended and the attending Surveyor(s) so recommend(s) after the following has been carried out:

- Annual Survey; and
- Re-examination of recommendations; and
- Progression of the Special Periodical Survey as far as practicable; and
- Dry-docking Extension

“Exceptional Circumstances” is limited to following:

- such cases as unavailability of dry-docking facilities;
- unavailability of repair facilities;
- unavailability of essential materials, equipment or spare parts;
- or delays incurred by action taken to avoid severe weather conditions),

Demolition/Scrap Voyages

When a vessel is intended for a demolition voyage with any periodical survey overdue, the vessel’s class suspension may be held in abeyance and consideration may be given to allow the vessel to proceed on a single direct ballast voyage from the lay up or final discharge port to the demolition yard. In such cases a short term Class Certificate with conditions for the voyage

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noted may be issued provided the attending Surveyor finds the vessel in satisfactory condition to proceed for the intended voyage.

Force Majeure

If due to circumstances reasonably beyond the Owner's or CONARINA's control (limited to such cases as damage to the vessel, unforeseen inability of CONARINA to attend the vessel due to the governmental restrictions on right of access or movement of personnel, unforeseeable delays in port or inability to discharge cargo due to unusually lengthy periods of severe weather, strikes, civil strife, acts of war, or other cases of force majeure) the ship is not in a port where the overdue surveys can be completed at the expiry of the periods allowed above, CONARINA may allow the vessel to sail, in class, directly to an agreed discharge port and, if necessary, hence, in ballast, to an agreed port at which the survey will be completed, provided that CONARINA:

- 1) Examines the vessel's records; and
- 2) Carries out the due and/or overdue surveys and examination of recommendations at the first port of call when there is an unforeseen inability of CONARINA to attend the vessel in the present port, and
- 3) Vessel is in a condition to sail for one trip to a discharge port and subsequent ballast voyage to a repair facility if necessary. (Where there is unforeseen inability of CONARINA to attend the vessel in the present port, the master is to confirm that his ship is in condition to sail to the nearest port of call.)

REFERENCES:

- CONARINA Instruction

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